

the town of Wilkesboro on or before the last Monday in March in such years, and to register therein the names of all persons applying for registration and entitled to register and vote in the town of Wilkesboro, keeping the names of the white voters separate and apart from those of colored voters, and designating on the registration book opposite the name of each person registering the place of his residence in the town, and if any applicant for registration shall not disclose the place of his residence in the town, his wilful failure to do so shall be *prima facie* evidence that he is not entitled to register in the town. Any person offering to register may be required [to] Oath. take and subscribe an oath that he is a citizen of North Carolina and has resided in the county of Wilkes for ninety days and in the town of Wilkesboro for thirty days next preceding that date, and is otherwise entitled to register, and if any person shall wilfully swear falsely Misdemeanor. in such affidavit he shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and on conviction shall be sentenced to pay a fine not exceeding fifty dollars and to be imprisoned not exceeding thirty days in the county jail: *Provided*, that after the first registration shall have been made Proviso. by virtue hereof, a new registration may not be made annually, but such registration books shall be revised, so as to show an accurate list of electors previously registered and still residing in said town without requiring such electors to be registered anew. And such registrar shall, on before the last Monday in March annually, open said books for the registration of any electors entitled to registration whose names have never before been registered in the town of Wilkesboro, or do not appear in the revised list: *Provided, however*, that the town commissioners may at any time order a new registration in the manner herein prescribed.

SEC. 6. The registration books shall be closed five days before the day of election, and after the same are closed no person shall be allowed to register; but the registrar shall, on application, before said books are closed, register all persons not then qualified to vote in the town who will become so qualified on or before the day of election. Immediately after said books are closed they shall be deposited in the office of the clerk and treasurer of the town, and citizens desiring so to do may inspect them. The town clerk and treasurer shall write in each of said registration books the exact time they were deposited with him, and the same shall not be taken from his office until the day of election. Any registrar failing to deposit his registration books with the town clerk at the time prescribed shall receive no compensation for making said registration. Close of registration books, &c.

SEC. 7. The board of commissioners of Wilkes county, at or before their meeting in March, one thousand eight hundred and eighty-nine, and annually thereafter, shall appoint two judges of election for the town of Wilkesboro to open the polls, to receive and deposit the ballots in the boxes provided for that purpose, and to superintend the Judges of election.